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SUBJ: VOA REPORTAGE 4 JANUARY, 1100 AND 1200 GMT, ON NV AND
VC ROLE IN PRESENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE

WE NOTE WITH DISMAY VOA'S 0600 AND 0700 LOCAL TIME
(1100 AND 1200 GMT) MORNING NEWSCASTA CITING 'THE CAMBODIAN
HIGH COMMAND' AS THE SOURCE FOR THE STATEMENT THAT MANY
NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIETCONG HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AMONG
THE 180 COMMUNIST DEAD AROUND PHNOM PENH'. FIRST, IT
SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ITEM
REQUIRING A MANDATORY CONFIRMATION BY THE PAO IN PHNOM PENH
PRIOR TO ITS RELEASE. SECOND, OUR CHECK WITH THE CAMBODIAN
HIGH COMMAND CHIEF SPOKESMAN HERE, HAS REVEALED THERE IS,
IN HIS WORDS, 'NEITHER DOCUMENTATION NOR OTHER PROOF
THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE OR VIETCONG ARE PRESENT IN THE
CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE DIRECTED AGAINST PHNOM PENH'.
OF COURSE, THIS REFLECTS IRRESPONSIBILITY AND LACK OF
CONTROL WITHIN THE CAMBODIAN HIGH COMMAND PUBLIC RELATIONS
AND PRESS OFFICES. THIS IS, HOWEVER, OLD HAT AND
WE HAVE ISSUED FREQUENT REMINDERS TO THIS EFFECT IN THE
PAST. VOA'S REPETITION OF SUCH SENSITIVE ITEMS WITHOUT
A CONFIRMATION BY THIS MISSION IS COUNTER PRODUCTIVE
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